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Thursday - 27 February 1969

25X1 1. [ ] - JGO) Delivered to Mr. Carl Marcy and Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, copies Number 1 and 2 of the transcript of the Director's briefing of Wednesday, 26 February. Arrangements were made to recover the transcripts late in the afternoon and to return them to the Committee at such time as may be desired by the Chairman.

25X1 2. [ ] - JGO) Met with Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, who advised that he is scheduling the Director for a worldwide roundup for Tuesday, 18 March, before the full Armed Services Committee. The Chairman noted that he would be requesting Secretary Laird to start the posture briefings on Tuesday, 25 March, and wanted the Director beforehand. Rivers requested that the necessary details be worked out with Mr. Blandford and expressed the hope that this time would be an acceptable one for Mr. Helms.

The date was later confirmed with Mr. Blandford.

25X1 3. [ ] - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and in response to his question of yesterday, advised that the 303 Committee is one established by the White House and that information relating to membership, functions, and duties should properly be provided by the White House. Mr. Slatinshek was informally advised as to the proper point of contact in the White House staff.

Mr. Slatinshek called at the conclusion of this morning's hearings by the Pike Pueblo Subcommittee and advised that it is his sense of Chairman Pike's remarks that the DCI be called as a witness before the Committee. Although this is not a formal notification, Mr. Slatinshek indicated that the Director will be requested to appear Wednesday morning, 5 March. I talked to Mr. Slatinshek again late in the day and he advised that although no further formal consideration of the matter was had during the day, the Wednesday date will probably be requested by the Chairman.

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7. [ ] JMM) Mr. Kenneth BeLieu, Senate Liaison for the White House, returned my earlier call and I told him of our activities in connection with the Ervin bill (S. 782). I mentioned the fact that Messrs. Hampton and Modello, of the Civil Service Commission, shared our concern, that Mr. Houston and I were hoping to see Senator Ervin in the next few days, and I would also be seeing Representative Henderson. Mr. BeLieu said he would like to hear from us further after we talked to Senator Ervin.

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9. [ ] JMM) Mrs. Roberts, on the staff of Chairman David N. Henderson, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, called to say that the Chairman could see me at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, 21 February.

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10. [ ] JGO) Met with Mr. J.R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and provided a copy of a blind memorandum entitled, "The Changing Strategic Naval Balance, USSR vs US." Mr. Blandford was most appreciative and indicated that it would be included in the Sea Power Subcommittee reference file for their guidance.

Mr. Blandford advised that he is working with the Chairman during the day on the organization of the various special subcommittees and that the CIA Subcommittee, in all probability, will continue as it was constituted for the brief hearing on the Pueblo on January 6.

Mr. Blandford was very interested in, and personally in accord with the Agency determination that Agency documents, such as the NIS's, not be furnished to committees of Congress. He also indicated his appreciation for being advised of this determination since there is the ready possibility that such a question would come to the attention of the Chairman. See Journal item of 12 February 1969.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on East German travel restrictions to Berlin, the Soviet collective leadership question, a limited Soviet ground forces demobilization, anticipated Soviet space activities and present assessment of

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Friday - 7 February 1969

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1. [ ] - GLC) Delivered to Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), personally, statistics on [ ] aircraft, which the Senator had requested from Mr. Critchfield at his briefing of the Senator yesterday. The Senator said he had talked with the Director yesterday and wanted to be sure we had instructed our people in the field to take the initiative in making contact with him. I assured the Senator that instructions had been dispatched to the field.

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2. [ ] - GLC) Hand carried to Stan Kimmitt, Secretary to Majority Leader Mansfield, the text of two Moscow broadcasts commenting on Senator Mansfield's recent statements on Cuba and Senate considerations of the non-proliferation treaty. Kimmitt indicated again that Senator Mansfield is interested in [ ] items.

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In response to his question as to how things are going for us, I mentioned to Kimmitt, in a rather general way, the Agency's problems with regard to Senator Ervin's bill (S. 782). As a former military officer, Kimmitt appreciated the problems which the bill would create for sensitive agencies. He said there was little he could do for us, however, other than turn a few votes in our direction in case the issue should come up on the Senate floor. I told him we hoped to have an opportunity to speak on this issue in an executive session of Senator Ervin's Subcommittee and hoped to avoid another floor debate such as occurred last year.

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3. [ ] - JMM) Mr. Warner and I called on Mr. Kenneth BeLieu, Deputy Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations, with regard to the Ervin bill (S. 782). BeLieu was entirely sympathetic with our problem and offered some suggestions. See Memo for the Record for details.

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